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Title : IDENTIFYING UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS USING A
SYSTEM-SPECIFIC IDENTIFIER

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RESPONSE IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 16, 2007

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 16-20, 22-25, 27-37, 39-43, 47-51, 53-56, 58-68, 70-74, 78-80, 83-86, and 88-92 are now pending, of which claims 1, 19, 32, 50, 63 and 79 are independent. No claims have been amended, and no new matter has been introduced.

Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Vu for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative on May 17th, 2007. The interview included a discussion of the differences between the claimed first and second mathematical computations and Okada. As reflected by the Interview Summary, the Examiner agreed that the verification of the differences between the first and second mathematical computations could "advance the prosecution." The remarks below include the substance of the discussion during the interview.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 16-20, 22-25, 27-37, 39-43, 47-51, 53-56, 58-68, 70-74, 78-80, 83-86, and 88-92 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okada et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,049,670).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as Okada does not describe or suggest the claimed first and second mathematical computations as performed. Specifically, with regard to claim 1, Okada does not describe or suggest (1) receiving, at the host, from the client communication system, a user-independent client-communication-system-specific identifier and results of a first mathematical computation performed at the client on a first user-dependent access identifier and the user-independent client-communication-system-